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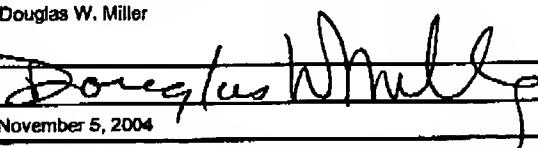
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	First Named Inventor	Agapios Agapiou, et al	
	Art Unit	1755	
	Examiner Name	James W. Pastoreczky	
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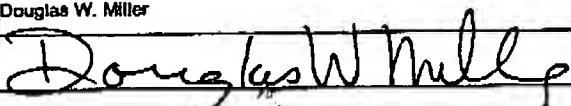
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2004, please consider the following remarks, and amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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